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Subject: RE: Your Phone Call re "Sea Breeze"

Hi Pedro and Jerry,

I reviewed the DEIS for the Sea Breeze project. Overall, I don't see anything objectionable policy or legally but do have a few comments NEPA related and one grammar.

1) on page S-12, s.4.3.2 para 3 you are missing a period after the last word in the paragraph "impacted"

2) I would like to know more under s.2.2 HDD - the effects of drilling muds and "fluids" being released back into the sea bed/environments. There doesn't seem an adequate explanation of this.

3) Purpose and Need (s.1) : there is nothing in the document that tells me why we should have this project. It tells us about the project and how will be constructed and operate and how DOE/OE makes determination but nothing to tell us why this project is in our national interest

4) No Action: following up on above, this section is pretty much non informative. So the project isn't built and there would be no impacts. If so, given we don't know why the project should be built or in our national interest as mentioned above, sounds like no action is a great alternative or best choice. There is nothing that tells us the importance of the project or what the effect would be if it wasn't built/constructed.

5) Under s.4.3.2, page s-12, 2nd & last para re underwater noise...it seems the DEIS lists all these impacts and states little on what will be done to mitigate or avoid them. Such as the underwater noise disturbances. What measures are proposed to prevent the disturbances?

6) Under Socioeconomics, page s-16 - discussion of tribes. What consultation has been done with the identified tribe especially given that there is tribal lands affected? Also there is no discussion of the Section 106 NHPA given tribal lands/water were identified.

7) under Toxic and Hazardous materials, page s-19: the facts of such are mentioned but how is this related to this project and what effects would it have? What relationship is there? - this is not clearly identified.

I just see a need for a bit more information and relevance given to some of the above.

Hope this helps, thanks for letting me take a look at it.
Betsy

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